

REMARKS

1. Applicant has appended hereto proposed new formal drawings. Applicant requests that the requirement for the amended drawings be reconsidered. The Examiner has required that Figs. 3 and 6 be labeled as prior art. However, Figs. 3 and 6 depict elements of the present invention (see drawing description, page 2), and are therefore not properly required to be labeled as prior art.

2. The claim stands rejected as anticipated by Tsai, or as obvious over Tsai in view of Chang. Applicant traverses.

As the Examiner apparently recognizes, Tsai makes no disclosure of a means for breaking a compact disk. Elements 11 and 12 of Tsai are clearly defined as paper inlets. A paper shredder cannot be presumed to be robust enough to be able to shatter compact discs. Moreover, the dimensions of a paper inlet are not typically large enough to receive a compact disc.

The Chang reference discloses a device adapted to receive both paper and compact discs. The Chang device utilizes a third cutting wheel set to accomplish the breakage of the compact discs. Clearly the addition of the additional cutting wheel increases the bulk, manufacturing difficulty, and cost of the Chang device.

The device of the present invention utilizes cutting wheels that are sufficiently robust to shred paper and to break compact discs. (See page 4, lines 18-23.) This structure is not disclosed anywhere in the prior art.

In order to anticipate or to render obvious claims, the prior art must disclose or indicate all the elements of the claims. In this instance, there is no reference in the cited prior art that teaches a set of cutting rollers that can both shred paper and break compact

discs as is claimed in present claim 2. Accordingly, the prior art cannot be said to anticipate or to render obvious present claim 2.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant now asserts that all of the grounds for rejection have been traversed or overcome by amendment, and that all of the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and solicits allowance of the present claims at an early date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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